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SUBJECT: LOCKHEED CASE

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF AGREED STATEMENT RELEASED TO PRESS BY DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TODAY. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, JUSTICE SAID IT WOULD WELCOME VISIT TO WASHINGTON BY PARLIAMENTARY INVESTIGATING COMMISSION OR ANY MEMBERS THEREOF.

2. BEGIN TEXT. DR. BRANCACCIO, DIRECTOR OF THE CABINET OF THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE OF ITALY, HELD MEETINGS FOR THE PAST THREE DAYS WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL LEVI, ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL THORNBURGH, AND OTHER DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICIALS. DR. BRANCACCIO PRESENTED THE VIEWS OF THE ITALIAN MINISTER OF JUSTICE, MR. BONIFACIO, CONCERNING ALLEGATIONS OF IMPROPER DISCLOSURES OF INFORMATION PROVIDED TO ITALIAN LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE PURSUANT TO THE AGREEMENT OF MARCH 29, 1976, RELATING TO THE LOCKHEED MATTER. HE ALSO INFORMED THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE THAT MINISTER BONIFACIO HAD MET WITH CHAIRMAN CASTELLI AND THE TWO VICE-CHAIRMEN, SPAGNOLI AND UNCLASSIFIED

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REGGIANI, OF THE PARLIAMENTARY INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE IN

CHARGE OF INVESTIGATING ALLEGATIONS OF IMPROPER CONDUCT BY HIGH-RANKING ITALIAN OFFICIALS, AND THAT THE LEADERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE HAD GIVEN ASSURANCES THAT THE CONFIDENTIALITY REQUIREMENTS OF THE MARCH 29 AGREEMENT WOULD BE SCRUPULOUSLY OBSERVED BY ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE.

3. DR. BRANCACCIO INFORMED THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE THAT THE ITALIAN PARLIAMENT HAD PASSED IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION ENACTING THE PROVISIONS OF THE AGREEMENT OF MARCH 29 AS A MATTER OF ITALIAN DOMESTIC LAW. ALL POLITICAL PARTIES VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR OF THE LEGISLATION. HE FURTHER STATED THAT BREACH OF THE CONFIDENTIALITY PROVISIONS CONSTITUTES A PENAL OFFENSE WHICH IS SUBJECT TO PROSECUTION IN ITALY.

4. DR. BRANCACCIO INFORMED THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OF ADDITIONAL STEPS WHICH WILL BE TAKEN BY MINISTER BONIFACIO TO SAFEGUARD THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

5. THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE ASSURANCES AND THE ADDITIONAL STEPS WHICH WILL BE TAKEN IN ITALY. THEY ANNOUNCED THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT WILL CONTINUE.

6. THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE STRESSED THAT BREACH OF THE CONFIDENTIALITY PROVISIONS IN THE AGREEMENT WOULD, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 4, RESULT IN A SUSPENSION OF FURTHER EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION. END TEXT. SISCO

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